

MARTIN

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# REGISTRY & ARCHIVES

File No.

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## SUBJECT

John Mulgrave MARTIN

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C.1893

RETURN TO  
R/A ARCHIVES







M.

## FORM C. R. 1.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ RECOMMENDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ INTERVIEWED BY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME IN FULL (in block capitals)

Surname MARTIN Christian names JOHN MULGRAVE Rank or Title Capt

1. <u>FORMER NAMES</u> . (if any)	
2. <u>ADDRESS</u> . (a) Private Tel. No. (b) Business Tel. No.	St. Vincent's Home Hartest Rugby St Edmunds. Yarmouth Hartest 218
3. <u>IF SERVING</u> . Unit	Wiltshire Recd.
4. <u>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</u> .	Rugby. Dublin 1892
5. <u>NATIONALITY</u> . At birth Present If naturalised, state when or where.	Irish
6. <u>EDUCATION</u> . (a) Schools attended (give dates) (b) Universities (give names) Subjects read Degrees taken	Rugby
7. <u>MARRIED OR SINGLE?</u>	Married
8. <u>IF MARRIED</u> . (a) Maiden name of wife or full name of husband. (b) Present nationality of wife or husband	Margaret Ramsay St. Vincent



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(c) Nationality of wife  
or husband at birth

Canadian.

(d) Address of wife or husband.

9. NAME OF FATHER

(a) { Present nationality  
Nationality at birth

Edmond James Hart  
Indh.

(b) { MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER  
Present nationality  
Nationality at birth

Ellen Mary Inoué  
Insh.

10. RELIGION.

C. J. E.

11. ANY PRIVATE MEANS?

Yes.

12. PEACE TIME OCCUPATION  
and general business  
and other experience.  
(give an indication of  
date by years)

Farming.

13. OCCUPATION SINCE 3.9.39

Army.

## 14. PHYSICAL FITNESS

(Please mention any serious disabilities or past illnesses)

A.

15. LANGUAGES

What languages do you speak and how fluently? In the space provided mark as follows:-

A. if like native, no accent

B. fluent

C. working knowledge

LANGUAGE

SPEAK

READ

WRITE

French.

C.

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16. WHAT COUNTRIES HAVE YOU VISITED? (other than in passage)

COUNTRY	TOTAL TIME SPENT THERE	FOR WHAT PURPOSE
<i>Finland</i>		
<i>Denmark</i>		
<i>Belgium</i>		
<i>France</i>		
<i>Italy</i>		
<i>Canada</i>		
<i>America</i>		
<i>Mexico</i>		

17. IF NOT ALREADY SERVING

- (a) Are you registered for any service?
- (b) Are you available for active service?
- (c) Are you available as an advisor?
- (d) For what particular Military work do you think yourself best suited?

18. (a) ANY SERVICE EXPERIENCE? (including O.T.C.) If so, give particulars, with dates of service (Home & Overseas) and cause of leaving service?

*2nd Bn Wilshire Regt. Ap. '15 '16  
Dec. '16 France. D. Bn TANK corps  
Dec. '16 - Nov. '18. France.*

(b) Are you a Member of any branch of H.M. Reserve Forces?

*R.A.R.O.*

19. POLITICAL VIEWS.

*Conservative*

20. ACCOUNT OF PAST HISTORY not embraced by other sections.

21. HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?

*Yes.*

22. NEXT OF KIN (a) Name  
(b) Address  
(c) Relation to next of kin

*Wife Margaret R. Martin  
Shimpling Home. Haverst.  
Bang & Edmunds.  
Wife.*

23. (a) PERSON FIRST TO BE INFORMED if you become a casualty.

(b) ADDRESS.

*Margaret R. Martin  
Shimpling Home Haverst.  
Bang & Edmunds.*



24. APPEARANCE (Passport description in original language).

25. IDENTITY PAPERS  
(Particulars)

26. DO YOU:-  
(a) Ride? - *Yes.* (b) Drive a Car Motor Cycle or Lorry? - *Yes.* (c) Swim? - *Yes.*  
(d) Sail a boat? - *Yes.* (e) Mountaineer? - *Yes.* (f) *Skis.* Ski? - *Yes.*  
(g) Shoot? - *Yes.* (h) Run? - *Yes.* (i) Bicycle? - *Yes.*  
(j) Fly an aeroplane? - *no.* (k) Box? - *Yes.* (l) Sketch? - *no.*  
(m) Read & trans-  
mit Morse? - - - -

27. HAVE YOU ANY CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE OF PHOTOGRAPHY OR CINEPHOTOGRAPHY?

*no.*

28. HAVE YOU ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MAP READING, FIELD-SKETCHING, ETC?

*fair.*

29. HAVE YOU ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WIRELESS?

*no.*

30. WITH WHAT DISTRICTS ARE YOU FAMILIAR?

(a) At home?

(b) Abroad?

*West of England & Southern Ireland. Finnish Lapland. Louis France. Peace River Canada. Various parts abroad.*

31. IF A FOREIGNER:-

- (a) Do former neighbours know your whereabouts?  
(b) Have you in your Country friends who would to-day give you shelter?  
(c) If in touch with your own nationals, or other foreigners, give details.

32. SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE.

- (a) Propaganda.  
(b) Technical. Give full particulars of technical or professional training, research or other experience which you regard as relevant. Reference should be made to any published work, membership of professional institutions, diplomas held, or examinations passed.  
(c) Pilotage.  
(1) General  
(2) Special Coast.

*no.*

*Engineering.*



MINUTE SHEET.

C.X. 22666/F

Source S.O.2.

No. S.O.2.

Date 30/7/41

DISTRIBUTION.

C.R.

Have you any trace, please, of the following:-

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NAME: MARTIN. ✓ Captain John Mulgrave.

NATIONALITY: British.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: Dublin. 48 years.

OCCUPATION: Farmer. now Commander of Coy.  
I.T.C. Wiltshire Regt.  
Le Marchant Barracks.  
Devizes. Wilts.

REASON FOR ENQUIRY: Required for employment  
as Commandant of an S.T.  
School.

S.O.2.  
30.7.41.

ACTION PROPOSED.



Secret.

S.O.2.

No: S.F. 1920.....

Date .....

M.I.5. (Captain STRONG)

Have you any trace, please, of

Name: MARTIN. Captain John Mulgrave.

Nationality: British.

Date and Place of Birth (or approximate age): Dublin. 48 years.

Occupation: Farmer. now Commander of Coy.  
I.T.C. Wiltshire Regt.

Present whereabouts and address (if possible): Le Marchant Barracks,  
Devizes, Wilts.

Any outstanding particulars:

Reasons for enquiry: Required as Commandant of an S.T.  
School.

Remarks by M.I.5.:

NOTHING RECORDED  
AGAINST.

*S. M. F. Jones*  
*for Capt Stone*

3/8/41.



CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AS AT 30th. June, 1942.

Name	MARTIN, J.M.
Personal or Army Number	Not known.
Regiment or Corps	The Wiltshire Regiment.
Rank : Acting (with dates): Temporary : War Substantive	Captain.
Age & Medical Category	48 A.
Date first posted to S.T.S.	August, 1941.
Date posted to present School	August, 1941.
Present Employment	Officer Commanding Yatch "Risor".
Commandant's opinion of personality, characteristics, technical, instructional, administrative or other capabilities.	This officer is carrying out his duties to my satisfaction.
State if recommended for promotion	
State if recommended for <u>ACCELERATED</u> promotion	
State if recommended for change of employment.	

1st July, 1942.  
Date.....

*Geo. F. Gandy Lt Col.*  
.....  
Commandant, S.T.S. No. 21. ....



CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AS AT 1st October, 1942

Name	J.M.Martin.
Personal or Army Number	Unknown.
Regiment or Corps	The Wiltshire Regiment.
Rank : Acting (with dates): Temporary : War Substantive	Captain.
Age & Medical Category	48 A.
Date first posted to S.T.S.	3.8.41.
He posted to present School	May 1942.
Present Employment	Para-Naval Instructor.
Commandant's opinion of personality, characteristics, technical, instructional, administrative or other capabilities.	This officer is carrying out his duties to my satisfaction.
State if recommended for promotion	Yes.
State if recommended for <u>ACCELERATED</u> promotion	No.
State if recommended for change of employment.	No.

Date... 1st October, 1942.

..... *John C. [Signature]* .....

Commandant, S.T.S. No. 21.....



**CONFIDENTIAL**

A/60233.

14 Sep 43.

To: AD/P.1.

From: AQ.

CAPTAIN J.M.MARTIN (P/60233) Wilts Regt.

1. As arranged with you by telephone this morning I am forwarding the following particulars regarding the service of the a/m officer with this organisation.

2. Capt.Martin was originally recruited in MT Section by Col.Buckland as a Para-Naval Instructor for Group A - he was posted to the organisation w.e.f. 5 Aug 41 reverting from the rank of Major on posting.

3. By arrangement with Col.Buckland he loaned to the organisation his private yacht "RISOR", the conditions being that we would pay the insurance and maintenance charges only.

4. This vessel was sailed to Group A arriving there in the spring of 1942 having been refitted with a new engine in Glasgow - the cost being charged to the organisation but reservation being made that at the termination of the loan that this particular engine should remain the property of the latter. (i.e. the organisation.)

5. Some difficulties were then experienced with various Port Authorities owing to the fact that "RISOR" was a private yacht and arrangements were therefore made for her to be requisitioned in order that inter alia she could fly the Red Ensign and obtain victuals and maintenance facilities from the Naval Authorities.

6. Capt.Martin, with his Assistant Mr.Gardiner, who was a civilian recruited to help him were employed in Group A until November 1942 when the then MT (Col.Munn) decided (and obtained M/CD's approval) to suspend Para-Naval training and notified Martin that his services were no longer required and that arrangements should be made for his outposting.

7. Before this was done, however, there arose a possibility of both Martin, and Gardiner and also the yacht "RISOR" being utilised by W Section and his outposting was therefore postponed.

8. This, however, fell through and on MT's instructions an application for Martin to be returned to regimental duty was forwarded to the War Office on 26 Dec 42 and he was notified accordingly.

9. W subsequently stated that he then wished to take Martin on and requested that his reposting to regimental duty should be cancelled - this was done on 13 Jan 43 - and Martin was finally transferred to W Section on 1 Feb 43.

10. I understand from W that it was his intention that Martin should take the "RISOR" out to West Africa in connection with the Guano Scheme but that this vessel was later turned down by D/NAVY and it was suggested that the "MAID HONOR" (which was already in Lagos) should be employed for the purpose envisaged and that Martin should command her.

11. It was also anticipated that he would be employed on a motor launch which was being received in Lagos from America but this fell through as this vessel was unsuitable.

12. The Guano Scheme also fell through approximately a month ago and W, having no further use for Martin's services,  
/notified



notified D/CR accordingly who endeavoured to place him within the organisation and, having failed to do so, obtained A/CD's permission for him to be outposted.

13. A/CD's decision was communicated to W in DCR/OR/8221 dated 26 Aug 43 and in accordance with the ultimate paragraph I made a formal application to the War Office on 28 Aug 43 and posting instructions were received on 6 Sep 43 for him to report to No.3 Infantry Depot - these instructions were passed to Martin on 8 Sep 43.

14. On 13 Sep 43 Capt. Martin came to my office in connection with his posting instructions and made a request that they should be cancelled owing to the fact that he did not wish to go to an I.T.C. and also that he wished to be considered for work under AMGOT and had already approached the Civil Affairs Branch of the War Office with a view to having his case considered.

15. The officer whom he had seen (and whose name he could not recall) had stated that consideration would be given to his case if the matter was submitted formally by M.O.l.(S.P).

16. I discussed the case with D/MIL and we both pointed out to Martin that in theory we had now no right to put this forward in view of the fact that he had already been reposted and had not represented to us before our application for his outposting was made that he wished to be transferred to this work.

17. In order to give him every assistance, however, we spoke with A.G.2 and had his outposting postponed until 30 Sep 43 in order to give his application an opportunity of being considered before he finally left us.

18. During the course of conversation he stressed the point that if he were reposted to the No.3 Infantry Depot he would go back amongst a considerable number of officers who had previously been junior to him and had received promotion in his absence; also, that his application for transfer to AMGOT would not receive the same backing from the Depot as it might receive from us.

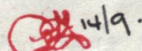
19. Attached is a formal application for transfer to AMGOT which he has now submitted together with a request for an interview with CD.

On receipt of this application I pointed out to Capt. Martin that it should normally have come through his Section Head and also that he must in the first instance make his appeal to A/CD.

20. In agreement with W and as arranged with you by telephone this morning I have set out the above details although, strictly speaking, this case should not have come through me.

21. There is only one other point which might be mentioned and, that is, that during his service here Martin has I understand had some considerable correspondence with D/FIN regarding his pay whilst employed here.

22. Will you please submit this case to A/CD and let me know if the latter is agreeable to see Martin this afternoon as requested.

 14/9.



Ref. No. 8171.

29th September, 1943.

To: D/FIN. (Through W.).

From: Capt. J.M. Martin.

I am being outposted to-morrow, 30th September, 1943, and wish to lay before you a fact about my pay with which I am not satisfied.

When I joined the organisation in August, 1941 I was told in writing that my pay would be my Army pay plus staff pay - while with S.T.S. I was paid at the rate of 16s.6d plus 5s. plus 2s. My Army rate of pay is 21s.4d. per day not 16s.6d, and I wish to claim the difference of 4s. 10d a day from August 4th, 1941 to January 31st, 1943, which date I went to W., and from that date have received the higher rate.



COPY.

To: Major General C. McV. Cubbins, D.S.O., M.C.

From: Capt. J. M. Martin.

30 Sep 43.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice some points on which I am not satisfied. I joined the organisation in Aug 1941 with "RISOR" which I loaned to the organisation.

In April Gardner joined me and we were employed on naval training at Arisaig. We met with obstruction from the day we started training, and both of us had to spend considerable sums of money to keep the training going - one small but absolutely necessary item being hand-bearing compasses for the students which cost us £35. In Sep the position had become impossible and Gardner and I came to London and saw Col. Munn with a view to getting things straightened out.

We asked us for suggestions which we made and these have since been adopted by the organisation. We both knew when we made these suggestions that it meant paying off the ship and that we would lose our job. Now we are both out-posted, myself back to my Regiment who frankly state that I have been away so long they have no employment for me, and we both feel that the question of our further employment in the organisation has been affected by adverse reports from the N.O. in charge of the naval training. As "Orca" never took a single student to sea from the time we arrived till now when we left we feel that we were not competent to report on the training.

I do not wish you to regard this as a complaint but I would like to place the matter frankly before you as I feel that few officers could have given you more disinterested service than we have and we are both still willing to do so.

I return to my Regiment to serve under Majors who came to me as newly commissioned officers when I was a Major commanding their Company. I have never asked for promotion in the organisation though I have seen many junior to me going above me.

I have one small complaint to make - on the subject of pay. When I joined I received a letter saying my pay would be my Army rate of pay plus Staff pay which in S.T.S. I am told is 7/- per day. My normal Army rate of pay is 21/4 but I have been paid at the lower rate of 16/6 + 7/-. W Section have paid me at my rate of 21/4 + Staff pay since I joined them in Feb but S.T.S. will not.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
(Sgd) J. M. MARTIN.

Capt.



CONFIDENTIAL

MIL/OR/123

8th October, 1943.

To: C.B.

From: D/MIL

Capt. J.H. MARTIN - Complaint.

1. My MIL/OR/99 of 1st October refers. I have now received answers from D/B and D/FIN.2 on the authority of D/FIN.
2. Summarised briefly the answers to Captain Martin's memorandum are as follows:-
  - (a) MT, who was then Commandant at Group A, states that Martin and his assistant Mr. Gardiner worked under the instructions of of Lt. Commander Christmas. Martin and Gardiner carried out their instructions efficiently and there can be no question of obstruction.
  - (b) MT further suggests that the sums expended for training purposes should first have been sanctioned and passed through the imprest account in the normal way.
  - (c) D/B, who was MT at the time, continues the sequence by confirming that, after a conference in London, to which Martin refers and which was also attended by Christmas, he was satisfied that no useful purpose could be served by the retention of Martin and Gardiner or the boats.
  - (d) D/FIN agrees that, in view of the wording of paragraph 3 of the letter which Colonel Buckland sent to Martin on his engagement, he is willing to pay Martin, whilst on S.T.S. strength, at the higher rate of his army pay plus staff pay, i.e. at the rate of £480 11 8 p.a.
  - (e) D/FIN is, therefore, prepared to pay arrears amounting to £70 16 1 which accrued over the period 5th August 1941 to 31st January 1943 when Martin was transferred to W. Section.
3. I saw Martin yesterday in the hall of Norgeby and I definitely got the impression that he has no wish to create trouble and that he only wants a helping hand in his wish to be considered by A.M.G.O.T. With your approval, therefore, I will write to Martin saying that the financial question has been settled on orders from you and that you are satisfied that Colonel Munn was fully justified in terminating his employment at Group A. I will also arrange that the money which is considered due to him is released and that his wish to be considered by A.M.G.O.T. is given every possible assistance.

D/Mil

wrote officially, etc.

"I am directed to inform you etc."

CD



R. 3782

WAR GRATUITY ASSESSMENT FORM - OFFICERS

Appendix for Officers specially employed not remunerated  
from Army Funds

Name . . . MARTIN, J.M. . . . . . Rank . . . Capt. . . . . .  
Regiment . . . 5th Reg. . . . . . Personal No. P/60233 . . .

1. The above mentioned Officer was specially employed not  
remunerated from Army Funds from 5 Aug 41 . . . to 30 Sep 43 . .

2. I certify:

EITHER (A) That this Officer's rate of Pay and  
Allowances whilst specially employed as  
above were related to Service rates of  
pay and allowances and that his service  
whilst specially employed will, there-  
fore, be deemed to be Gratuity Earning  
Service.

OR (B) That this Officer's rate of Pay and  
Allowances whilst specially employed as  
above were not related to Service rates  
of pay and allowances and that his ser-  
vice whilst specially employed will,  
therefore, be deemed to be non-Gratuity  
Earning Service.

Date . . . . . 1 JAN 1947 . . . . . Signed . . . . . J. H. Walker . . . . .



A.3.4 (Medals)

This Officer was employed by M.O.1(SP) as a Para Naval Instructor, located in Arisaig. In 1943 he was transferred to London. There is no reference to him serving overseas in the M.O.1(SP) records.

*Robert*

Captain G.S.

M.I.1(a)  
March 49.